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SUMMARY

Arthur Houston started out with a small barbershop and pool hall, and later became a licensed real estate broker and contractor. He opened the Crescent Insurance Agency on Central Avenue (across from the Dunbar Hotel) and later a real estate and construction company at a different location. He was also appointed a Real Estate Commissioner for the State of California later in his career. He was active in the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, and participated in anti-segregation efforts in Los Angeles and neighboring areas.

DESCRIPTION

Herman Spurlock, well known on Central Avenue, made a living putting together shows and entertainment for nightclubs and fundraisers.
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Arthur Houston is seated on the floor at the far left. Herman Spurlock is seated on the floor, second from the right. The rest of the people in the photograph are unidentified, although one of the women may have been Augustus Hawkins' secretary.

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